

I do not support RM-10870. This petition is too 'radical' and is design to 'harm' amateur radio in it's current form. Also, some member's of the NCVEC have a financial interest in this proposal, causing this petition to be bias as well.

Like RM-10867, it provides an 'automatic upgrade' to the Technician class license to become Generals. This again is unacceptable (as I've stated previously) because of the lack of HF knowledge in Element 2. This will cause unnecessary interference on the HF bands with operators that are unfamiliar with procedures and protocols. Element 3 covers that requirement and should be tested before any upgrade license is granted.

This petition wants to reform a portion of the CW sub-band, that I'm totally against. This should be protected for those who faithfully use this sub-band. Even though the current rules state that CW can be used anywhere on the bands, the CW sub-band is provided to help remove interference on the voice sub-bands.

This petition also wants to reduce the requirements of Elements 2. The concepts of amateur radio is to bring those who want to improve upon themselves by learning some theory of radio. This includes 'Technical Knowledge' as a intro to this service. Being technically confidant is a necessity in this service. Reducing this requirement is unjustified.

It is in the best interest of the FCC to reject this petition in its entirety.

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